

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced \$1,177,812 in federal funding for the United Health Centers (UHC) of the San Joaquin Valley.

The grant, made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Center program, will enable these health centers to provide comprehensive, quality health care services to families in the Central Valley.

“Rural communities in California depend on access to quality, affordable health care,”
said Costa

. “United Health Centers has provided high-quality health care to underserved populations in the Central Valley for almost 40 years. With this critical grant, UHC will be able to continue providing comprehensive primary health care services to those who need it most while enabling the centers to provide additional health care services including mental health care and substance abuse services.”

UHC is a non-profit, community-based organization serving 28 rural communities in Fresno and Tulare Counties. The organization's seven medical facilities are located in Parlier, Mendota, Sanger, Huron, Orange Cove, Kerman, and Earlimart. In 2009, the combined centers served 40,360 patients, 98% of whom lived at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.